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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE TITLE

Amend the title to now read: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING A HEAT SENSITIVE FLUID".

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-40 and add new claims 41-84.

41. (NEW) A method for sterilizing a heat sensitive fluid comprising providing a first heat sensitive fluid component, providing a second fluid component, heating said second fluid component to a first temperature, said first temperature being greater than a predetermined sterilizing

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